





THE DECISION.

Up to last evening the Governor of Maine was in blissful ignorance of the nature of the opinion which the Judges of the Supreme Court had unanimously given as to his recent conduct. When he was informed by a benevolent reporter that the court had pronounced his action unconstitutional, he was not a little startled. He had no right to be so, for the court had no right to do so. He had no right to be so, for the court had no right to do so. He had no right to be so, for the court had no right to do so.

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This opinion grandly rounds off the demonstration of popular disapproval that have been put forth in the Maine Legislature since the first announcement. Unless Governor Garcelon and his associates are willing to enter upon a new and yet more flagrant defiance of decency, and ignore the solemn utterances of the highest tribunal of the Commonwealth, sought for, lost by themselves, the will of the people, and the must now have a complete war. This opinion makes it imperative upon the Legislature to at once amend the Maine Republican Representatives of the five cities. Further, unless the Governor refuses to act upon the Supreme Court's decision, he must issue certificates to a Republican Senator from York, and another from Lincoln County, and to Republican Representatives from the Ashland, Newcastle, Exeter, Goldborough, Houghton, Duxbury and Lebanon districts, as well as the five Representatives from the city of Portland. It must also, if the complies with its directions, restore the disfranchised towns of Jay, Webster, Lisbon, Stoneham, Searsport and Farmington, giving the Republicans five further seats in the House. In short, if the yields obedience to the voice of the judiciary at all, he must recall the certificates wrongfully issued on his technical interpretation of his duties under the law, and abandon in toto the plot to pack the Legislature and give Maine another minority Governor.

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The decision of the Maine Supreme Court of Maine grows in proportion the more it is examined. Though promptly prepared, as the occasion required, it is a document of remarkable vigor, directness, and force of reasoning. Its influence upon public opinion in Maine and elsewhere cannot be measured. Everybody will read it, and it is not only read, but it is read with interest and with a feeling of satisfaction. It is a document of remarkable vigor, directness, and force of reasoning. Its influence upon public opinion in Maine and elsewhere cannot be measured. Everybody will read it, and it is not only read, but it is read with interest and with a feeling of satisfaction.

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The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court condemns the Governor and Council, and sustains the Republicans upon every point. It brushes away every netting-trick which has been devised to defeat the will of the people, and, though in every line and word strictly judicial and non-partisan in tone, it breathes throughout a spirit of intense indignation at the attempted perversion of law and constitution of official power to dishonest ends. It strikes like the sentence of a great criminal by a justly indignant Judge. If the Court had caused the word "unconstitutional" to be headed upon the brow of the Governor and each member of the Council, and of every member of the Legislature who should have been a seat to which he was not elected, it could not have fixed upon those individuals a deeper or more lasting disgrace. In the face of such a decision, it seems hardly possible that enough of the fraudulent pretensions to vote will qualify to give the conspiracy effect.

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It will be seen that these answers leave no legal excuse whatever for the exclusion of a single one of the Representatives to whom certificates have been refused. It remains to be seen, first, whether the Governor and Council have the authority to reverse their unlawful action; second, whether high-handed violation of the law can prevail.

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The Maine Supreme Court has answered the questions submitted by Governor Garcelon and the members of the Council, and we shall expect to see the result in a few days. Lawyers understand it before, because some of them are aware that a law involving the rights and liberties of the citizen is not to be construed to its own defeat. That a Democratic inspired by Democratic tricksters, should wield the power of a statute to subvert the spirit thereof, ought to excite no surprise. This is Democratic practice.

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This covers all the ground submitted by the Governor, and practically leaves him without as much of ground to stand upon. But in answer to his second question, the Court says of the statute permitting the correction of errors in returns: "A command clothed in language of courtesy is as effectual because it could not be doubted that high and honorable officials would voluntarily avail themselves of all legal means to declare the result of an election according to actual fact, in obedience to fundamental principles of popular government." We can think of nothing more severe to be said by anybody, and Governor Garcelon can now be left to the fate that overtakes all pettifoggery officials who violate their oaths of office.

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AS CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE.

And as Fraudulently Counted-In.

Mark the Names of the Holders of Bogus Certificates.

A REPUBLICAN JOINT A MAJORITY OF 38 TURNED INTO A FUSION 187 MAJORITY OF 25.

Five Cities with Twelve Representatives Disfranchised.

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